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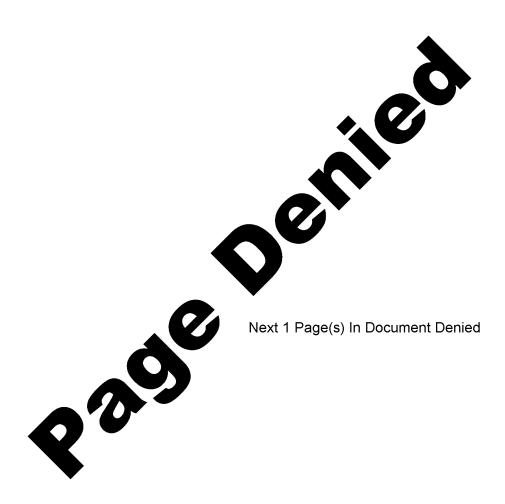


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Z-11299/82 Page \_\_1\_ of \_1\_ Attachment to NPIC/PEG (9/82) Copy\_\_\_\_ VYTEGRALES/PETROZAVODSK CONVERSION NIKOLAYEV SHIPYARD NOSENKO 444, USSR 25X1 1. (SWN) SIGNIFICANCE: THE CONVERSION OF A VYTEGRALES/PETROZAVODSK-CLASS MERSHIP TO AN UNUSUAL CONFIGURATION CONTINUES. 25X1 SINCE 2. (SWN) REMARKS: VYTEGRALES/PETROZAVODSK-CLASS MERSHIP HULL HAS ARRIVED FROM SEVASTOPOL SHIP REPAIR YARD PANAIOTOVA BAY 25X1 A SUPERSTRUCTURE (CONSTRUCTED AT NIKOLAYEV) HAS BEEN PLACED ON 25X1 IT AFT OF AMIDSHIPS. THE SUPERSTRUCTURE, WAS PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED IN THE PLATEN AREA NEAR BUILDING WAY 5 BOTH GOLIATH GANTRY CRANES THAT SERVICE 25X1 0N BUILDING WAY 5 AND THE PLATEN AREA WERE PROBABLY NEEDED TO LIFT THE SUPERSTRUCTURE INTO PLACE ON THE HULL. VYTEGRALES/PETROZAVODSK HULL UNDERWENT CONVERSION IN A LARGE FLOATING DRYDOCK AT SEVASTOPOL NAVAL BASE AND SHIPYARD KILENBAL BETWEEN 25X1 DURING THIS PERIOD, TWO SPONSONS WERE ADDED TO THE HULL INCREASING THE BEAM OF THE SHIP FROM 25X1 IN ADDITION, MODIFICATIONS WERE MADE TO THE FORWARD HATCHES SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASING THEIR DIMENSIONS. THE LENGTH OF THE HULL HAS NOT CHANGED DURING THE CONVERSION AND IS APPROXIMATELY 121 METERS LONG. ALTHOUGH THE REASON FOR THIS UNUSUAL CONVERSION IS UNKNOWN, THE EXTENSIVE MODIFICATIONS COMPLETED AT NAVAL FACILITIES INDICATE THAT THE SHIP WILL PROBABLY BE NAVAL ASSOCIATED. COORDINATES 46-45-53N 031-58-19E 25X1 3. COMMENTS AND QUERIES REGARDING THIS BRIEFING BOARD MAY BE 25X1 DIRECTED TO

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